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SUBJECT: UNEP OZONE MEETING

REF: NAIROBI 1052

- 1. THE FOLLOWING IS THE MOST UP-TO-DATE LISTING OF U.S.-IDENTIFIED "INVESTIGATIONAL GAPS" IN THE AREA OF STRATO-SPHERIC PHOTOCHEMISTRY AND DYNAMICS. THIS LIST IS, OF COURSE, SUBJECT TO FURTHER REVISION AS WE CONTINUE TO DEVELOP OUR POSITION FOR THE MEETING. WE HOPE TO CABLE YOU SIMILAR LISTS FOR AT LEAST SOME OF THE OTHER SUBJECT AREAS (CLIMATE HUMAN EFFECTS, ETC.) NEXT WEEK.
- 2. THE GAPS ARE LISTED IN DESCENDING ORDER OF RELATIVE PRIORITY. ADDITIONALLY A-M ARE OF GENERAL HIGH PRIORITY IN REGARD TO ALL FIVE SUBJECT AREAS.

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- A. GLOBALLY MONITOR OZONE AND ITS VERTICAL DISTRIBUTION ABOVE 25 KM BY SATELLITE TO STUDY ITS VARIABILITY AND FOR EARLY DETECTION OF TREND CHANGES.
- B. UPGRADE THE DOBSON SPECTROPHOTOMETER NETWORK TO PROVIDE TOTAL COLUMN OZONE CLIMATOLOGY WITH IMPROVED ACCURACY TO 3-5 PERCENT AND TO PROVIDE GROUND TRUTH FOR SATELLITE

MEASUREMENT SYSTEMS.

- C. UNDERTAKE SOPHISTICATED TIME SERIES ANALYSIS OF RESULTS FROM ALL OZONE STATIONS HAVING 10 OR MORE YEARS OF RECORD TO EVALUATE TREND CHANGES.
- D. OBTAIN SIMULTANEOUS STRATOSPHERIC MEASUREMENTS OF ONE OR MORE RADICALS IN EACH OF THE H, N, AND CL SYSTEMS, ESPECIALLY HOX, WHICH IS A MAJOR SOURCE OF UNCERTAINTY.
- E. DETERMINE SIMULTANEOUSLY THE SOURCE AND SINK TERMS IN THE H, N, ESPECIALLY FOR HCL AND C10 AND THEIR COUPLINGS
- F. DEVELOP BETTER MEASUREMENTS TO STUDY SMALL-SCALE DYNAMICS INCLUDING TROPOSPHERIC-STRATOSPHERIC EXCHANGES.
- G. OBTAIN ACCURATE TEMPERATURE DEPENDENT RATE DATA FOR THE CHEMICAL REACTIONS OF H0, H02, CL, AND CH4, AND PRESSURE DEPENDENT DATA FOR CL0N02.
- H. DETERMINE SPECTRAL ABSORPTION CROSS SECTIONS AND PRODUCT QUANTUM YIELDS FOR HN02, HN03, N20, N03, O3, AND CH2O.
- I. DETERMINE PHASE EQUILIBRIA FOR H2SO4, HNO3, H2O MIXTURES
- J. MEASURE THE CO PROFILES TO INDIRECTLY CORROBORATE OH UNCLASSIFIED

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MEASUREMENTS.

- K. DEVELOP IMPROVED MEASUREMENTS TO UNDERSTAND THE STRUCTURE OF OZONE RELATED TRACE CONSTITUENTS IN THE STRATOSPHERE.
- L. UNDERTAKE TRACER STUDIES TO BETTER DESCRIBE LARGE-SCALE STRATOSPHERIC DIFFUSION, ESPECIALLY IN THE VERTICAL.
- M. DEVELOP BETTER COMPREHENSIVE AND SPECIALIZED MODELS OF STRATOSPHERIC TRANSPORT.
- N. MEASURE THE O CONCENTRATION AND MONITOR THE SPECTRAL DISTRIBUTION OF SOLAR RADIATION EXTRATERRESTRIALLY AND IN THE MESOSPHERE AND UPPER STRATOSPHERE TO BETTER UNDERSTAND THE FORMATION OF OZONE.
- O. MONITOR STRATOSPHERIC WATER VAPOR.

- P. DETERMINE THE TEMPERATURE PROFILES IN THE STRATO-SPHERE BY OBSERVATION OF CO2 EMISSIONS FROM SATELLITES.
- Q. OBTAIN MORE OBSERVATIONS OF STRATOSPHERIC DYNAMIC PROCESSES SUCH AS "WARMINGS."
- R. INCORPORATION OF MAJOR PHOTOCHEMICAL REACTIONS ON 3-D MODELS.
- S. INVESTIGATION OF IMPROVED PARAMETERIZATION FOR MULTI-DIMENSIONAL MODELS TO IMPROVE COMPUTER RUNNING TIMES.
- T. INVESTIGATION OF EFFECTS OF CHEMICAL AND DYNAMICAL FEEDBACK IN 1-, 2-, AND 3-D MODELS. VANCE

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